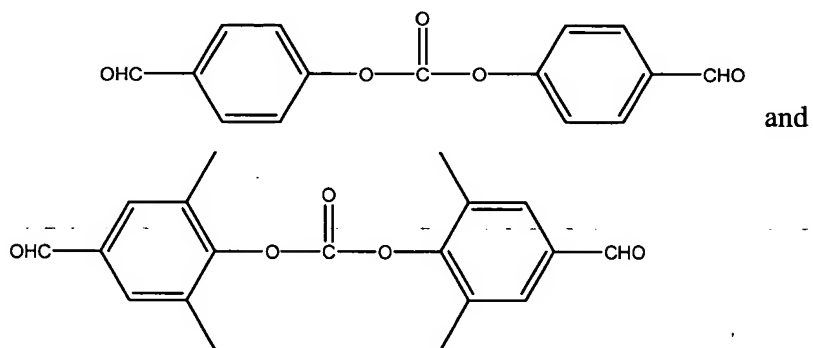


ABSTRACT

Novel acylating agents useful for preparing activated nucleophiles such as terminally activated polymers are disclosed. In preferred aspects, the acylating agents are

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and they used to prepare activated polymers such as PEG's for conjugating small molecules, proteins, polypeptides and the like.

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